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ABSTRACT

A washing machine with a rotating drum having an enhanced exterior appearance is provided. The washing machine includes a tub in a housing, a drum rotatably installed in the tub to hold laundry, and a driving means for rotating the drum. The drum includes a plurality of lifters on an inner circumference of a sidewall of the drum. Perforated holes are formed in the sidewall between the lifters in columns. A joint portion extends along the sidewall in a length direction. The joint portion is aligned where a column of the perforated holes would normally be located. Also, fasteners or welds may be formed on the joint in locations where the holes would be so that the joint blends in with the columns of perforated holes.